

**Matricial Norms Over Cones**

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**ABSTRACT**

The notion of a vector-valued norm is extended to norms taking values in a partially ordered finite dimensional space. Sufficient conditions are given for the existence of the dual norm and the matrix norm subordinate to a vector norm.

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In a number of recent papers the notion of a norm has been extended to a mapping which satisfies the usual definition of a norm except that it takes its values in the nonnegative orthant (cf. [2], [4], [5], [7], [8], [9]).

Let  $V$  be a Kantorovich space (cf. [6]) of dimension  $k$ . That is,  $V$  is a real vector space of dimension  $k$  which is partially ordered by a closed convex full pointed cone  $K$  (cf. [1], [10], [12]). The dual space  $V^*$  is also a Kantorovich space under the partial order induced by the *dual cone*

$$K^* = \{f \in V^* | f(x) \geq 0, x \in K\}.$$

We shall use the following notation relative to the partial order in  $K$  (or  $K^*$ ):

$$x \geq y \leftrightarrow x - y \in K,$$

$$x > y \leftrightarrow x \geq y \text{ and } x \neq y,$$

$$x \gg y \leftrightarrow x - y \in \text{Int } K.$$

**DEFINITION 1.** A vectorial norm is a function  $p: \mathbb{C}^n \rightarrow K$  which for  $x, y \in \mathbb{C}^n, \alpha \in \mathbb{C}$  satisfies

$$p(x) \geq 0, \quad p(x) = 0 \text{ iff } x = 0, \quad (1)$$

$$p(\alpha x) = |\alpha|p(x), \quad (2)$$

$$p(x + y) \leq p(x) + p(y). \quad (3)$$

Let  $p$  be a vectorial norm and let  $f \in K^*$ . Define the function  $\varphi_f$  by  $\varphi_f(x) = fp(x)$ .

$\varphi_f$  is a seminorm on  $\mathbb{C}^n$ . If  $\psi$  is any seminorm on  $\mathbb{C}^n$  let

$$W = \{f \in K^* | \psi(x) \leq \varphi_f(x) = fp(x)\}.$$

LEMMA 1. For all  $f \gg 0$ ,  $\varphi_f$  is a norm.

*Proof.*  $\varphi_f(x) = 0 \leftrightarrow fp(x) = 0 \leftrightarrow p(x) = 0 \leftrightarrow x = 0$ . ■

Since  $K^*$  is full we have

COROLLARY. Any vectorial norm is continuous.

LEMMA 2.

$$\forall f \gg 0, \quad \exists \lambda > 0 \quad \forall x \in \mathbb{C}^n$$

$$\psi(x) \leq \lambda[fp(x)] = \lambda\varphi_f = \varphi_{\lambda f}(x).$$

*Proof.* It is enough to establish the inequality for  $x$  in

$$B = \{y \in \mathbb{C}^n | y^*y = 1\}.$$

$B$  is compact so  $\psi(B)$  has an upper bound  $\lambda_0$ . Since  $\varphi_f$  is a norm,  $0 \notin \varphi_f(B)$  and so  $\varphi_f(B)$  has a lower bound  $\lambda_1 > 0$ . Choose  $\lambda \geq \lambda_0/\lambda_1$ . The last equality is clear.

COROLLARY.  $W \neq \emptyset$ . In fact,  $\forall f \gg 0, \exists \lambda > 0, \lambda f \in W$ .

It is also easily seen that  $W$  is convex and that  $f \in W, g \geq f$  imply  $g \in W$ . Thus  $W \supset K^* + f$  for any  $f \in W$ . ■

DEFINITION 2. Let  $p$  be a vectorial norm. If  $x \in \mathbb{C}^n$ , let

$$|x| = \begin{bmatrix} |x_1| \\ \vdots \\ |x_n| \end{bmatrix}.$$

- (a)  $p$  is monotone iff  $|x| \leq |y| \Rightarrow p(x) \leq p(y)$ .  
 (b)  $p$  is absolute iff  $p(x) = p(|x|)$ .

**THEOREM 1.** *A vectorial norm  $p$  is monotone iff it is absolute.*

*Proof.*  $p(x) \leq p(y)$  iff  $\forall f \in K^*, \varphi_f(x) \leq \varphi_f(y)$ , that is iff  $\varphi_f$  is a monotone norm for all  $f \gg 0$ . However,  $p$  is absolute iff  $\forall f \gg 0, \varphi_f$  is an absolute norm. Now we appeal to Theorem 2 of [3] to see that  $\varphi_f$  is monotone iff it is absolute. The proposition is established. ■

**DEFINITION 3.** *Let*

$$W(y) = \{f \in K^* \mid |y^*x| \leq \varphi_f(x) = fp(x)\}.$$

*The vectorial norm  $p$  is regular if for each  $y \in \mathbb{C}^n$  there is an  $f_0 \in K^*$  such that  $W(y) = f_0 + K^*$ . If  $p$  is regular define the dual to  $p$  by*

$$p^D(y^*) = f_0.$$

If  $K$  is the nonnegative orthant, then by the results of [9] we know that this use of regular corresponds to that of Robert and Deutsch.

**LEMMA 3.** *If  $x_0$  is taken so that*

$$\max\{|y^*x| \mid x \in B\} = |y^*x_0|$$

*(for a fixed  $y \in \mathbb{C}^n$ ) and if  $p$  is regular, then*

$$|y^*x_0| = p^D(y^*)p(x_0).$$

*Proof.* The existence of such an  $x_0$  is common knowledge. If  $p^D(y^*)p(x_0) > |y^*x_0|$ , then for  $\varepsilon > 0$  suitably small we have

$$(1 - \varepsilon)p^D(y^*)p(x) = p^D(y^*)p(x) - \varepsilon p^D(y^*)p(x) > |y^*x_0| \geq |y^*x|$$

for all  $x \in B$ . So  $(1 - \varepsilon)p^D(y^*) \in W(y)$  which contradicts the minimality of  $p^D(y^*)$  in  $W(y)$ . ■

**THEOREM 2.** *If  $p$  is a regular vectorial norm, then  $p^D$  is a norm.*

*Proof.* As in Lemma 3 we shall use the fact that  $f_0 = p^D(y^*)$  is the unique minimal element of  $W(y)$ . Condition (1) of Definition 1 is immediate. Let  $f_1 = p^D(\bar{\alpha}y^*)$ , for  $\alpha \neq 0$ . Then for any  $x$  we have

$$|y^*x| \leq |\alpha|^{-1}f_1p(x), \quad |\bar{\alpha}y^*x| \leq |\alpha|f_0p(x).$$

So  $|\alpha|^{-1}f_1 \in W(y)$  and  $|\alpha|f_0 \in W(\alpha y)$ . Thus  $f_1 = |\alpha|f_0$ . Finally let  $f_1 = p^D(y_1^*)$ ,  $f_2 = p^D(y_2^*)$ ,  $f_3 = p^D(y_1^* + y_2^*)$ . Then for all  $x$

$$f_1p(x) + f_2p(x) \geq |y_1^*x| + |y_2^*x| \geq |(y_1 + y_2)^*x|.$$

Thus  $f_1 + f_2 \in W(y_1^* + y_2^*)$  and by the minimality of  $f_3$

$$p^D(y_1^*) + p^D(y_2^*) = f_1 + f_2 \geq f_3 = p^D(y_1^* + y_2^*). \quad \blacksquare$$

**DEFINITION 4.** Let  $p$  be regular.  $p$  is positively oriented iff for any  $x \neq 0$  there is a  $y$  such that  $|y^*x|$  is maximal and  $p^D(y^*) \gg 0$ .

**THEOREM 3.** If  $p$  is regular and  $p^D$  is both regular and positively oriented, then  $p^{DD} = p$ .

*Proof.* We let

$$W(x) = \{a \in K \mid |y^*x| \leq p^D(y^*)a\}.$$

Observe first that  $p(x) \in W(x)$  since for all  $y$ , and all  $f \in W(y)$ ,  $|y^*x| \leq fp(x)$ . Thus for all  $y$  we have

$$|y^*x| \leq p^D(y)p(x).$$

Since  $p^D$  is regular there is an  $a_0 \in K$  such that  $W(x) = a_0 + K$ . Choose  $y$  so that  $|y^*x|$  is maximal and  $p^D(y^*) \gg 0$ . Thus for any  $a \in W(x)$  by Lemma 3

$$|y^*x| = p^D(y^*)p(x) \leq p^D(y^*)a.$$

In particular for  $a_0$  we have

$$p^D(y^*)(p(x) - a_0) \leq 0.$$

But  $p^D(y) \gg 0$  and  $p(x) - a_0 \geq 0$ , so  $p(x) = a_0$ . Hence  $p^{DD} = p$ .  $\blacksquare$

The cone  $K$  induces a partial order in  $\text{End}(V)$ , the space of endomorphisms of  $V$ , by

$$M \geq 0 \Leftrightarrow MK \subseteq K.$$

The nonnegative cone of  $\text{End}(V)$  is denoted by  $H$ .

DEFINITION 5. Let  $\mu: \mathbb{C}^{n,n} \rightarrow \text{End}(V)$  be a vectorial norm on the set of  $n \times n$  matrices. It is a matricial norm iff

$$\mu(AB) \leq \mu(A)\mu(B). \quad (4)$$

In looking for a matricial norm which deserves to be considered the bound norm subordinate to a given regular vectorial norm there are three sets for each  $A \in \mathbb{C}^{n,n}$  which arise rather naturally. These are

$$W_0(A) = \{M \in \Pi \mid |y^*Ax| \leq p^D(y^*)Mp(x)\},$$

$$W_1(A) = \{M \in \Pi \mid p(Ax) \leq Mp(x)\},$$

$$W_2(A) = \{M \in \Pi \mid p^D(y^*A) \leq p^D(y^*)M\}.$$

THEOREM 4. Let  $p$  be a regular vectorial norm, and let  $p^D$  be regular and positively oriented. If for each  $A \in \mathbb{C}^{n,n}$  there is an  $M_0 \in \Pi$  such that  $W_0(A) = M_0 + \Pi$ , then

$$(1) \quad W_0 = W_1 = W_2,$$

(2)  $\text{lub}_p(A) = M_0$  defines a matricial norm for which  $\text{lub}_p(I) \leq I$ , and  $\text{lub}_p(I) = I$  if there is an  $x$  for which  $p(x) \gg 0$ .

As a consequence of statement (1)  $\text{lub}_p$  is compatible with  $p$  and  $p^D$ ; that is,  $p(Ax) \leq \text{lub}_p(A)p(x)$  and  $p^D(y^*A) \leq p^D(y^*)\text{lub}_p(A)$ .

*Proof.* Ad(1). Clearly  $W_0 \supset W_1$ ,  $W_0 \supset W_2$ . Let  $M \in W_0$ . Then

$$|y^*Ax| \leq p^D(y^*)Mp(x), \quad |y^*(Ax)| \leq p^D(y^*)p(Ax). \quad (*)$$

But  $p^{DD} = p$ , so from (\*) we have  $M_0p(x) \in W(Ax)$ . Thus  $p(Ax) \leq M_0p(x) \leq Mp(x)$ , since  $M_0 \leq M$ . Hence  $M \in W_1$  and  $W_0 = W_1$ . The proof that  $W_0 = W_2$  is similar.

Ad(2).  $\text{lub}_p$  is clearly a vectorial norm. Let  $A, B \in \mathbb{C}^{n,n}$ , and let  $M_1 = \text{lub}_p(B)$ .

$$|y^*ABx| \leq p^D(y^*)M_0p(Bx) \leq p^D(y^*)M_0M_1p(x) \quad \text{by (1).}$$

So  $\text{lub}_p$  is a matricial norm. Suppose  $\text{lub}_p(I) = N$ .  $|y^*x| = |y^*Ix| \leq p^D(y^*)p(x)$ . So  $\text{lub}_p(I) = N \leq I$ . For suitable  $y$  and  $x$ ,  $p^D(y^*) \gg 0$  and

$$p^D(y^*)p(x) = |y^*x| = |y^*Ix| = p^D(y^*)Np(x).$$

Since  $p^D(y^*) \gg 0$  we have

$$p^D(y^*)(N - I)p(x) = 0 \Rightarrow (N - I)p(x) = 0.$$

But if  $p(x) \gg 0$ , then  $N - I = 0$ .

The final statement is a rephrasing of the equality  $W_0 = W_1 = W_2$ . ■

This result says in (cf. [8]) that  $\text{lub}_n$  is a majorant for  $p$ . Both Robert and Stoer [11] employ the class of  $B$ -matrices in studying minorants. In this direction we have the machinery to obtain a couple of their lemmas. First recall a definition from [1].

**DEFINITION 6.** *A matrix  $N$  admits a completely regular splitting iff  $N = B - C$  where  $B, B^{-1} > 0$  and  $C \geq 0$ . If  $N$  admits a completely regular splitting, then  $N$  is an  $M$ -matrix iff  $N^{-1} > 0$ .*

**DEFINITION 7.** *A matrix  $N$  is called a  $B$ -matrix iff the set*

$$\mathcal{D}(N, \omega) = \{u \geq 0 | Nu \leq \omega\}$$

*is bounded for all  $\omega \geq 0$ .*

**THEOREM 5.** *Let  $N$  admit a completely regular splitting. Then  $N$  is an  $M$ -matrix iff it is a  $B$ -matrix.*

*Proof.* If  $N$  is an  $M$ -matrix, then  $N^{-1} > 0$ . So

$$Nu \leq \omega \Rightarrow u \leq N^{-1}\omega,$$

and thus  $\mathcal{D}(N, \omega)$  is bounded.

Conversely, suppose  $N$  is a  $B$ -matrix. Let  $N = B - C$  be a completely regular splitting.  $B^{-1}$  is a one to one map which takes the boundary of  $K$  onto the boundary of  $K$  and the interior of  $K$  onto the interior of  $K$ . Thus

$$\{u \geq 0 | Nu \leq \omega\}$$

is bounded iff

$$\mathcal{S} = \{u \geq 0 | (I - B^{-1}C)u \leq B^{-1}\omega\}$$

is bounded. Further  $N$  is a  $B$ -matrix iff  $\mathcal{S}$  is bounded for all  $\omega \geq 0$ . Let  $\rho$  be the Perron root of  $B^{-1}C$  with  $v \geq 0$  a corresponding eigenvector, and

let  $\rho_1$  be the Perron root of  $B^{-1}$  with  $\omega \geq 0$  a corresponding eigenvector. If  $\rho \geq 1$ , then

$$v - B^{-1}Cv = (1 - \rho)v \leq 0 < \rho_1\omega = B^{-1}\omega.$$

Thus  $v \in \mathcal{S}$ , and for any  $\alpha > 0$ ,  $\alpha v \in \mathcal{S}$ . Thus  $\rho < 1$  and by Lemma 1 of [10]  $N$  is an  $M$ -matrix. ■

**THEOREM 6.** *The following are equivalent.*

- (1)  $N$  is a  $B$ -matrix.
- (2)  $Nu \leq 0, \quad u \geq 0 \Rightarrow u = 0$ .
- (3)  $\exists f \geq 0, fN \gg 0$ .

*Proof.* Statement (1)  $\Rightarrow$  Statement (2) is trivial since (2) is the statement that  $\mathcal{D}(N, 0) = \{0\}$ . Statement (2)  $\Rightarrow$  Statement (3) is an immediate consequence of problem 34 of chapter 8 of [6]. To prove that statement (3)  $\Rightarrow$  statement (1) suppose  $fN \gg 0$ . Then we have

$$\mathcal{D}(N, \omega) \subseteq \{u \geq 0 \mid 0 \leq fNu \leq f\omega\},$$

and the latter set is bounded because  $fN \gg 0$ ; i.e.,  $u \geq 0$  and  $fNu = 0 \Rightarrow u = 0$ . ■

In [5] Deutsch obtained several results which compared the spectral radius  $r(A)$  of  $A \in \mathbb{C}^{n,n}$  with  $r[\mu(A)]$  where  $\mu$  is any matricial norm. In particular his Propositions 4, 6, 7, and 9 carry over to matricial norms in the present sense after we prove the analog of his Proposition 5.

**THEOREM 7.** *If  $\mu$  is a matricial norm, then  $\mu$  is a continuous function. Further if  $\mu(A_n) \rightarrow 0$ , then  $A_n \rightarrow 0$ , where convergence is in the unique topologies which make  $\mathbb{C}^{n,n}$  and  $\text{End}(V)$  topological vector spaces.*

*Proof.* The first remark follows from the corollary to Lemma 1. If  $\mu(A_n) \rightarrow 0$ , then for any  $f \in K^*$ ,  $x \in K$  we have  $f\mu(A_n)x \rightarrow 0$ . However, if  $f \gg 0$ ,  $x \gg 0$  it is readily verified that the function  $A_0 \rightarrow f\mu(A_0)x$  is a (scalar valued) norm, whence  $\mu(A_n) \rightarrow 0$  implies  $A_n \rightarrow 0$ . ■

Let  $\mathcal{M}$  denote the set of all matricial norms from  $\mathbb{C}^{n,n}$  to  $\Pi$ . If  $\nu$  is any scalar valued multiplicative norm and  $f \gg 0$ ,  $x \gg 0$ , then  $xf \in \Pi$  and the

function  $\mu$  defined by

$$\mu(A) = \nu(A)xI$$

is a matricial norm. Now for any given  $A$  and for any  $\varepsilon > 0$  we can find a norm  $\nu$  depending on  $A$  and  $\varepsilon$  such that  $\nu(A) \leq r(A) + \varepsilon$ . But then

$$r[\mu(A)] = \nu(A) \leq r(A) + \varepsilon.$$

We have proved

**THEOREM 9.** *Let  $A \in \mathbb{C}^{n,n}$ . Then*

$$r(A) = \inf\{r(\mu(A)) \mid \mu \in \mathcal{M}\}.$$

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